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TO: { Directors Of Field Operations, Port Directors }

FROM: { Director AD/CVD & Revenue Policy & Programs }

RE: INITIATION OF COUNTERVAILING DUTY INVESTIGATION OF POLYETHYLENE
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TO: DIRECTORS OF FIELD OPERATIONS
PORT DIRECTORS

FROM: DIRECTOR, SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT

RE: INITIATION OF COUNTERVAILING DUTY INVESTIGATION OF
POLYETHYLENE RETAIL CARRIER BAGS FROM VIETNAM
(C-552-805)

THERE ARE NO RESTRICTIONS ON THE RELEASE OF THIS INFORMATION.

1. ON APRIL 27, 2009, THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PUBLISHED IN
THE FEDERAL REGISTER ITS INITIATION OF THE COUNTERVAILING DUTY
INVESTIGATION OF POLYETHYLENE RETAIL CARRIER BAGS FROM THE
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (74 FR 19064, 04/27/2009).

2. THE MERCHANDISE SUBJECT TO THIS INVESTIGATION IS
POLYETHYLENE RETAIL CARRIER BAGS (PRCBS), WHICH ALSO MAY BE

REFERRED TO AS T-SHIRT SACKS, MERCHANDISE BAGS, GROCERY BAGS, OR CHECKOUT BAGS. THE SUBJECT MERCHANDISE IS DEFINED AS NON-SEALABLE SACKS AND BAGS WITH HANDLES (INCLUDING DRAWSTRINGS), WITHOUT ZIPPERS OR INTEGRAL EXTRUDED CLOSURES, WITH OR WITHOUT GUSSETS, WITH OR WITHOUT PRINTING, OF POLYETHYLENE FILM HAVING A THICKNESS NO GREATER THAN 0.035 INCH (0.889 MM) AND NO LESS THAN 0.00035 INCH (0.00889 MM), AND WITH NO LENGTH OR WIDTH SHORTER THAN 6 INCHES (15.24 CM) OR LONGER THAN 40 INCHES (101.6 CM). THE DEPTH OF THE BAG MAY BE SHORTER THAN 6 INCHES BUT NOT LONGER THAN 40 INCHES (101.6 CM).

PRCBS ARE TYPICALLY PROVIDED WITHOUT ANY CONSUMER PACKAGING AND FREE OF CHARGE BY RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS, E.G., GROCERY, DRUG, CONVENIENCE, DEPARTMENT, SPECIALTY RETAIL, DISCOUNT STORES, AND RESTAURANTS TO THEIR CUSTOMERS TO PACKAGE AND CARRY THEIR PURCHASED PRODUCTS.

THE SCOPE OF THIS INVESTIGATION EXCLUDES

- (1) POLYETHYLENE BAGS THAT ARE NOT PRINTED WITH LOGOS OR STORE NAMES AND THAT ARE CLOSEABLE WITH DRAWSTRINGS MADE OF POLYETHYLENE FILM AND
- (2) POLYETHYLENE BAGS THAT ARE PACKED IN CONSUMER PACKAGING WITH PRINTING THAT REFERS TO SPECIFIC END-USES OTHER THAN PACKAGING AND CARRYING MERCHANDISE FROM RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS, E.G., GARBAGE BAGS, LAWN BAGS, TRASH-CAN LINERS.

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE INCLUDED WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THIS INVESTIGATION ARE CURRENTLY CLASSIFIABLE UNDER STATISTICAL CATEGORY 3923.21.0085 OF THE HARMONIZED TARIFF SCHEDULE OF THE UNITED STATES (HTSUS). THIS SUBHEADING MAY ALSO COVER PRODUCTS THAT ARE OUTSIDE THE SCOPE OF THIS INVESTIGATION. FURTHERMORE, ALTHOUGH THE HTSUS SUBHEADING IS PROVIDED FOR CONVENIENCE AND CUSTOMS PURPOSES, THE WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THIS INVESTIGATION IS DISPOSITIVE.

3. FOR FURTHER REPORTING PURPOSES THIS CASE HAS BEEN ASSIGNED INVESTIGATION NUMBER C-552-805.

4. IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS MATTER BY CBP OFFICERS, THE IMPORTING PUBLIC OR INTERESTED PARTIES, PLEASE CONTACT DAVINA HASHMI OR RON TRENTAM AT THE OFFICE OF AD/CVD OPERATIONS, IMPORT ADMINISTRATION, INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, AT (202) 482-0984 OR (202) 482-3577, RESPECTIVELY (GENERATED BY O6:GC).

5. THERE ARE NO RESTRICTIONS ON THE RELEASE OF THIS INFORMATION.

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Company Details

*Party Indicator Value:

I = Importer, M = Manufacturer, E = Exporter, S = Sold To Party